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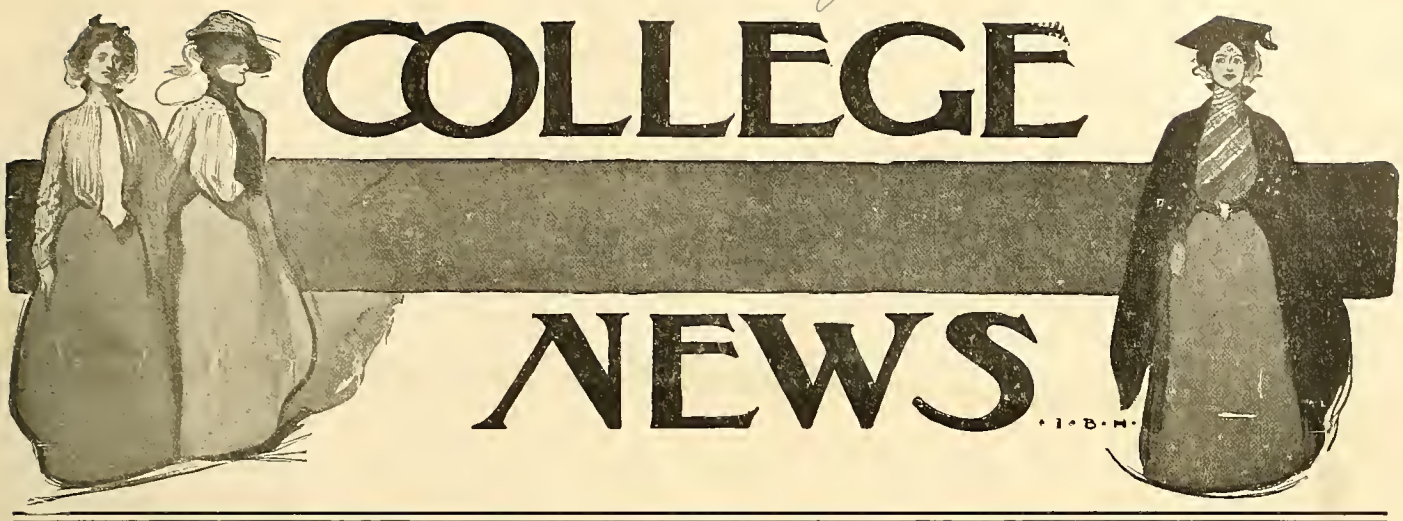

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Preparations for the Vassar-Wellesley Debate.

Owing to the failure to arrange satisfactorily by letter the conditions of the Vassar-Wellesley debate, three members of the Debate Committee, May V. Landis (Chairman) 1903, Kate Lord 1903, and Clara More 1904, left for Vassar on Monday of this week. The COLLEGE NEWS takes this opportunity to tell something of their trip, both its special result in regard to the holding of the debate, and the opportunity it gave to see something of another large woman's college. The members of the committee leaving Boston at eight o'clock, A.M., reached Poughkeepsie about half after five and went straight to the main building of the college. It may be interesting to members of Wellesley to know that you go from the station to Vassar on the car, and not in the lordly carriages that we patronize here. The main building of Vassar, standing at the end of a wide approach, has much the same appearance as College Hall, a long, imposing building with wings on either end, though an addition in the shape of a library that has been added at the entrance destroys somewhat its symmetry. The committee had the pleasure before dinner of taking tea in the Senior Parlor. Without any desire to make invidious comparisons, we cannot pass over this opportunity to indulge in a short rapture over this parlor. It is the pride of the Senior Class, and justly so, for the brasses, the carved chairs, the old bronzes, and the flowers in every corner make it a thing of beauty. After dinner, in a dining-room quite as large and noisy as that of College Hall, all Vassar goes to chapel. The service is, at present, held in the building, but a beautiful chapel is in course of construction near the President's house. After playing for a little while, the two committees settled down to work. In a meeting that lasted about three hours, a perfectly satisfactory conclusion was reached concerning the conditions under which the debate is to be held. Apart from purely technical points, the most interesting decisions, were, briefly: that the debate should be held at Vassar College, April twenty-fifth; that Vassar shall have the choice of the side, leaving the selection of the question to Wellesley, and that both sides may have the assistance of an alumnæ coach. A long discussion over this last question made perfectly plain the standpoint of both colleges in this matter. Needless to say, both Vassar and Wellesley desire that the work of this debate should be the work of the respective colleges, and that it should represent the colleges alone. For this reason neither of them desire to have an outside coach, that is, a coach that has no connection with the college.

It should be perfectly understood that although this plan has been definitely forbidden by the faculty of Vassar College, it was desired by the members of neither committees. It may be just as well, also, to clear up any conception that may exist concerning the preparation of Vassar for this debate. A comparison of the courses required in both colleges, and the amount of unacademic debating done in both, shows that the two colleges stand on practically the same level in regard to their experience in the work of debating. At the same time, Wellesley was unwilling to place upon the shoulders of an undergraduate alone, the extra work and responsibility that would come from the coaching of the chosen team. This choice of an alumnæ coach, to direct the coaching, assisted by undergraduates, will remove any such undue pressure, will give both colleges the advantage of a wider experience, a broader outlook, and a greater leisure than that of an undergraduate, and will at the same time keep the affair wholly in the hands of the colleges.

The arrangements for the debate having been completed on Monday evening, Tuesday morning was devoted to seeing the college grounds and buildings.

The four dormatories beside the main building, Raymond, Strong, Lathrop and Davidson, are sunny, cheerful buildings much like our houses on the Hill, full of attractive rooms. There are no recitations or lectures held in any of the buildings where the students are living, but all are conducted in a large hall devoted to this purpose. The Wellesley pride that sank at the sight of the splendidly equipped Science Building, and the Gymnasium, with cool swimming pool, and shower baths, rose again at the thought of our Art Building and Boat House, and Chapel, our shady grounds, and lake, that even in the face of "Sunset" and the Pine Walk, lost none of their beauty. We sometimes forget how exceptionally fortunate we are in our outdoors. As the members of the committee left Vassar, they thought with pleasurable remembrances that the cordial, open-handed spirit of college girls is much the same everywhere, Vassar or Wellesley. We can look forward with greater pleasure than ever to our visit there, when we go down to wrestle in debate in April.

Apropos of the recent decision in regard to the Vassar-Wellesley debate, there is a word to be said as to what that decision means. With the certainty that it really is to be in just three months from now, comes to each one of us a sense of responsibility. Last year, at the time of the call for trials for the debate, reports were circulated to the effect that the response was slight, and that Wellesley's patriotism was lacking in that particular. While we indignantly denied any such statement, and realized that the enthusiasm over the debate was strong and wide-spread in college, we were, each and every one of us, forced to admit that the number of trial speeches was not as great as we should have liked.

This year, when one debate has actually come off, the temptation to stand aside and let somebody else speak in the trials, will be stronger than ever. We feel that upon those who did active work in the debate last year, will devolve the responsibility of of doing it this year; that only the people who are recognized as good speakers, who have been on the Debating Club this year, should be expected to compete for the team. But that is not the feeling we ought to have. Every student in college who has in the smallest degree the "gift of tongues," ought to exercise it in the trials for this debate. If we are going to have intercollegiate debating, we want to put just as much enthusiasm into it as possible. We want the chapel to be crowded at the time of the trials, both with speakers and hearers; we want to carry this new burden which we have thoughtfully and voluntarily laid upon ourselves with a concerted, united strength that shall sweep before it all doubts and difficulties, surmount all obstacles, and enable us to come out in April none the worse for the energy we have put into our second Vassar-Wellesley debate.

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, HELENE LOUISE BUHLERT, 1903
BUSINESS MANAGER, CARRIE M. HOLT, 1903

A report reached the Editors last week, said to come from members of the Alumnæ, to the effect that COLLEGE NEWS did not contain enough alumnæ notes.

While the Editors are always glad to receive suggestions for improving the NEWS in any way possible, it being their first desire to make it an acceptable sheet in every particular, they cannot help wondering if the readers who made this complaint realized on whom it reflects. The only possible means of obtaining information concerning the alumnæ is through the alumnæ themselves, and any failure in the receipt of such information is of course due to their lack of response. The present manager of the alumnæ department has been this year untiring in her efforts to secure items. She has written personal letters, made public appeals through the columns of the NEWS, kept herself thoroughly in touch with the Alumnæ register, and, in short, done everything that is possible for a resident of the College to do, in order to obtain outside information. The result has been a generally uniform number of items, filling each week one column of the NEWS. For some reason which is extremely elusive and intangible, the alumnæ of Wellesley seem to have in a very small degree the sense of the necessity of supporting the Wellesley publications, either by their subscriptions or their information. We published a few weeks ago a statement concerning the marked contrast between the large alumnæ subscription to the *Smith College Monthly* which enables it to publish entirely without advertisements, and the very small list of subscribers, other than undergraduates, to the *Wellesley Magazine* and COLLEGE NEWS. There is a very interesting comparative investigation on this very point of alumnæ support of college publications, whose results will be announced later. But apropos of the lack of alumnæ news, that is a matter which the editors cannot govern. They make every effort possible to secure items of interest, and there are some members of the alumnæ whom they would like to thank most warmly for the help that they have given. But on the whole the support is not as strong as it should be, and the editors feel that if this is due to a misunderstanding or non-realization on the part of the alumnæ of their necessary share in the matter, nothing better can be done than to make a frank statement of the fact. If we are to have a flourishing alumnæ department, we must have alumnæ support; and the editors are sure that this mention of the subject will be sufficient to explain their position in the matter, and guard against any further misunderstanding.

The editors are planning to make the March issue of *The Wellesley Magazine* a fiction number, and take this opportunity to suggest that any owners of short stories submit them before the tenth of February. It is a new departure to have a magazine consisting entirely of stories, but as *The Wellesley Magazine's* strong point among undergraduate publications is generally considered to be its fiction, the idea of finding out just how good a collection of short stories we could set forth appealed strongly to the editors. It ought to be an extremely creditable showing, and not only maintain but increase Wellesley's name for good fiction.

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Monday, January 19, 7.30, P. M., concert by the Belcher String Quartet.
Tuesday, January 20, 7.30, P. M., meeting of Division A of the Debating Club.
Friday, 23, 4.15, P. M., meeting of Student Government Association in College Hall Chapel.
Sunday, January 25, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Dr. William R. Richards of New York.
7.00, P. M., vespers with special music.
Monday, January 26, 7.30, P. M., in College Hall Chapel, lecture before the Latin Department by Professor Minton Howard of Harvard, on the subject: "Glimpses of Roman Life through Inscriptions."
Wednesday, January 28, mid-year examinations begin.
Sunday, February 1, services in Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Dr. Van Dyke of Princeton.

Concert by the Belcher String Quartette.

On Monday evening, January 19, the college had the great pleasure of hearing a concert by the Belcher String Quartette of Boston. It was as interesting as it was unusual for us to have the opportunity of entertaining a quartette composed of girls abont our own age, and we looked on these talented players with something very like envy stirring in our usually satisfied hearts. Their work seemed so finished, so complete, and above all was a source of such very keen enjoyment to their hearers, that our books became suddenly dry and selfish, and we went back to the copying of our thirty-page short stories with a strong consciousness of the entire lack of enjoyment which they were destined to give any one. Of course this feeling passed—was a college girl ever known to envy any one long?—but the impression of the beautiful music given us by girls scarcely older than we, must remain as one of our most satisfying concert-memories.

The Wellesley College Orchestra, at the kind suggestion of President Hazard, has taken the name of "The Terpsichorean."

Miss Mary Dewson, Miss Abbie Paige and Miss Wheeler were in Wellesley at a meeting of Phi Sigma on Wednesday, January 21.

Miss Clara Willis was in Wellesley, Wednesday, January 21, at a meeting of Society Zeta Alpha.

A meeting of the Student Government Association was held in College Hall Chapel on January 23. Resolutions of the Association in regard to the death of Professor Wenckebach were passed, and it was voted that a committee should be appointed to attend to the choosing of a suitable memorial in her memory. Miss Landis, chairman of the Wellesley Vassar Debate Committee, presented a report of the work that has been done by that committee, including the joint meeting held at Vassar on Monday, January 19. Miss Torrey also brought before the Association the question of establishing a fire brigade in the college, and after a discussion of the question, it was voted that a committee be appointed to attend to the establishing of such a brigade. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

THE DEBATING CLUB.

On Tuesday, January 20, Division A of the club held its regular meeting. The debate was the best that has taken place since the formation of the club. This fact may be partly due to the change of method,—the subject and speakers were posted Monday morning, so the girls had time for some preparation. And really, it is no harder to be prepared to speak on one subject than on twenty.

The debaters on the affirmative, were Ethel Dixon, Harriet Willcox and Harriet Silsbee; on the negative, Pauline Eggelston, Harriet Thrall and Inez Gardner. The question for discussion was, "Should the duty on anthracite and bituminous coal be annulled?" The audience acted as judge, and declared the result a tie, one side receiving five points for substance and three for manner, the other, three for substance and five for manner.

"God's Troubadour," the story of the Life of Saint Francis of Assisi, by Miss Sophie Jewett, associate professor of English Literature, is now appearing in *The Churchman*.

"Daphne, an Autumn Pastoral" by Miss Margaret Sherwood, associate professor of English Literature, is announced for publication during 1903 in the *Atlantic Monthly*.

A business meeting of the Christian Association was held Thursday evening, January 15, in College Hall Chapel.

The principal feature of the meeting was a discussion of proposed amendments to the constitution; one regarding the withdrawal of members from the Association, and the other providing that every religious and philanthropic organization in the college should be allowed to have a representative member on the board of directors of the Christian Association, said members having the privileges of voting on matters attended to by this board, only upon becoming members of the Christian Association.

The latter question created much discussion among the members present, and should be considered by all members of the Association.

The amendments were not voted upon, but will be further discussed at a future meeting.

Resolutions of the Board of Directors for 1902-1903 were read; one new member was taken into the Association; and the Day of Prayer for this year was announced. It comes Sunday, February 8.

Respectfully submitted,

MADELEINE STEELE.

On Sunday, January 11, the Student Volunteers held an open meeting, at which a number of girls who do not belong to the Band, were present. Miss Torrey led the meeting, speaking especially of the need of personal Christian work in the college. The discussion of ways to reach and help the girls about us was interesting and practical. The Volunteers extend a cordial invitation to all who are interested, or who wish to become interested in their cause, to come to their meetings. Notices of the meetings are always posted on the Christian Association Bulletin Board.

Miss Mary A. Stowell, of the Music Department, has been suddenly called to her home in Peoria, Illinois, by the death of her father.

At a meeting of the Agora held Wednesday, January 21, Helen Brown, '05, and Mary Kelly, '05 were initiated.

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The College News counts it a pleasure to make public a suggestion lately brought up by some of the spirited girls of the college, in view of our present interest in the Vassar-Wellesley Debate. What we are called on to consider is the advisability of challenging Jyn Jawr College to a Tiddledywinks contest to be held sometime this spring. This is bound to be a live question shortly, but before it is brought up formally, it may be well to take a calm inquiring look over the ground. As we examine the most obvious aspects of the question, it strikes us as a pleasing subject for debate in English 15, and so for the convenience of that class, we venture to put the considerations as systematically as time permits.

Just as, not long ago, girls here at Wellesley didn't dream of the pleasure and intellectual training to be got from debating, so, we fear, the appreciation of the possibilities of tiddledywinks playing is sadly limited in our community; but, in spite of our well-known ambitions for the widening of college girls' interests, we realize that there are many arguments against encouraging intercollegiate contests in the game.

What we have just remarked above, as to the comparative ignorance of the game here, leads to the query: Are we *ready* to play another college? As in all proposed contests of this kind, we should not dash ahead into the other man's field until we are sure of putting up a creditable fight. Now, of course, there are many girls here who play tiddledywinks, some who play well and constantly, girls who never let their college work interfere with it; but these are discouragingly few, and we should not consider the matter unless—or, until—there is more general and intelligent interest manifested in tiddledywinks.

And then, even if we were well enough in practice, with enough capable girls to draw a good tiddledywinks team from, how will our challenge look to the world? Will it not render us unduly conspicuous, would not the game force us into unwelcome prominence? It is not a usual thing for women's colleges to play tiddledywinks, and of course it would get into the papers. Fancy the possible headlines all over the country, when it became known that Wellesley College was to play Jyn Jawr at tiddledywinks! This is certainly not pleasant for young ladies to think about.

Allied to such a consideration is that one touching our sex traditions. Would not the game tend to remove some of our feminine bloom? While debating is not a new or unknown thing for women to shine in, tiddledywinks playing seems a bit out of our class. We should have to take great care to do it in just as maidenly a way as we could.

Again, there are academic considerations. Can our college work stand the introduction of another interest? Will it not tend to lower our standard if we take away from their work another team beside the one preparing for the Vassar Debate? The physical strain entailed in adding tiddledywinks practice-periods to our already full schedule will have occurred to every one.

When we consider the question of precedent, our decision may not be so adverse. We are always too much afraid here at Wellesley of establishing precedents. This is too big a question to discuss here, however, and must be left to the college at large for decision. But there is one result of such a game which we may welcome; that is, the introduction of courses in tiddledywinks in the curriculum, and possibly even the formation of a tiddledywinks club, in view of future intercollegiate games.

There are many minor questions to raise in connection with our discussion; which college should have the first shot, whether the winks should be of Wellesley blue or Jyn Jawr colors, and so on. But it is the main issue only that is meat for discussion here; we hope the student body will consider all aspects of it when the time comes. We close by suggesting a cheer to be used if we have a tiddledywinks contest with Jyn Jawr.

Here's to Jyn Jawr College,
Wink her down!
Here's to Jyn Jawr College,
Wink her down!
Here's to Jyn Jawn College
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M. C. W., 1906.

II.

Don't make your friends twice glad—glad when you come, but so much gladder when you go. What a splendid motto for college girls—she who comes in during the day, interrupting committee meetings, and continuing to interrupt them; she who drives away the inspiration which has just seized you for your five daily themes; or she who comes to play at half-past nine, says "Busy?" and regardless of the answer, settles down for hours to come. If only she would go at midnight, and let us escape the harrowing tale of life's secrets, that we remember in the morning with surprise.

M. H. F. R., 1904.

III.

May we put in a plea to the faculty who lead chapel in the morning? Every once in a while some one reads and speaks in so low a tone that those behind the Seniors can scarcely hear. It is a pity to lose any of our inspiring morning service, and so we earnestly beg every leader to conduct it, for the sake of the student body, just as audibly and clearly as is usually necessary.

IV.

The *Yale Lit.* has a leader on the compulsory chapel system which exists there, which makes us think, with a sigh of relief, of our own quiet, well-ordered and truly impressive service. Imagine the continual buzz of conversation and reading of newspapers going on during chapel-time here! Imagine us "hurrying to a function that had for us no more significance than the breakfast we have hastily gulped!" Truly we wish more of us appreciated our blessings in this respect, and we would advise reading this article as an aid to acquiring such an appreciation—but let us hope our lack of appreciation will never be rewarded by having the compulsory chapel system forced on us.

There is still another phase of life in our big brothers' colleges which makes us feel virtuous by way of contrast, and which is most vividly brought out in an editorial in the *Harvard Advocate*. We refer to the notorious system of pre-examination tutors, seminars and printed notes, which, as the editor says, "announce most loudly poor scholarship and unrefined loafing," and, for some students, "make the degree of A. B. as hollow as a tom-tom."

Surely we are not anxious to produce a parallel condition of things here in Wellesley! Why should we not be proud of our college because she is what she is? Let us then, instead of muttering resentfully such words as these, "Well, you wouldn't find 'em doing that in the men's colleges," say in the future with justifiable pride, "Wellesley is a woman's college; we don't have that system there!"

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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

Miss Augusta H. Blanchard '96, is teaching in a private school in Oakland, California.

Miss Bertha Mae Stevens, '02, is studying in the Lowell Training School.

Mrs. Anna Brown Lindsay, '83, will soon leave Philadelphia for Porto Rico, where Professor Lindsay is Commissioner of Education.

Miss Olive C. Ambler, 1901, is teaching English in the Groton (Mass.) High School.

Miss Bertha E. Davis, 1902, is training assistant in the Wellesley High School.

Miss Helen M. Bennett, '98, is Superintendent of Schools in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Miss Clara Louise Warren, '95, has resigned her position in Rockford and will spend the remainder of the year studying at Chicago University.

Miss Harriette Pratt, formerly of 1901, is spending the winter in Paris.

Miss Winifred Meyer, '96, is teaching in the Chauncey Hall School in Boston.

The present address of Mrs. Jessie Morgan Eakin, '89, is Cresco, Iowa, where her husband has recently accepted a pastorate.

The Buffalo Wellesley Club.

The Christmas meeting of the Buffalo Wellesley Club took place at the home of the president, Miss Jennie W. Cottle of North street, December 20. Miss Harriet Poole, president of the Western New York branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, made an address on Creche Work, with special reference to her association which is conducting the College Creche at Goodell and Ellicott streets. Miss Georgia Hoover sang. The club voted to endow a bed at the College Creche.

The Chicago Wellesley Club.

The Chicago Wellesley Club held its midwinter meeting on the afternoon of December 27, in the studio of Mrs. John Vance Cheney, Wellesley students home for the holidays, and prospective students from nearby preparatory schools, guests of the afternoon, were cordially greeted by the women of the club. The students' Wellesley was most interestingly presented by Miss Louise Hunter, '04, who spoke of recent changes—the heating plant, the New Norumbega, Student Government, the reorganized athletics, the hoped for Vassar debate—all the signs of a gratifying advance. Official Wellesley news was brought by Mrs. Adaline Emerson Thompson, a member of the Chicago Club. Mrs Thompson presented in a most forceful way the great need of the college for money to carry on needed improvements.

Mrs. Martha Foot Crowe, Dean of Women at North Western University, voiced the sorrow of Wellesley women by a beautiful tribute to the life of Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer.

BIRTH.

December 26, 1902, at Chicago, Illinois, a son, Thorndike, to Mrs. Charlotte T. Sibley Hilton, '91.

MARRIAGES.

RIGLEY—CRAWFORD.—December 31, 1902, at Owosso, Michigan. Miss Lois E. Rigley, 1900, to Mr. Adriel Crawford.

CAROL—HALL.—January 7, 1903, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, Miss Lucile Carol, '99, to Mr. Walter Atwood Hall, Harvard '96, of Lynn, Massachusetts.

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EXCHANGES.

The "Prize Essay" begins to walk abroad in the land of our exchanges, and we mention in particular the one entitled "Equal Suffrage" in the *Mt. Holyoke* and "Hawthorne's Tales of New England" in the *Yale Lit.* for January. "A Stranger in the Land" is a well-written story in the latter magazine, and one that contains much food for thought for a mind given to meditation.

Read the article on "Education of Women" in the *Monthly Maroon* for this month, and see what you think of it! The whole number of this magazine is well worth reading, particularly because it is characterized by a certain breezy vigor all too often lacking in our eastern college publications.

But right here the editor wishes to enter a plea for more careful proof-reading of which many of the magazines we receive stand sorely in need. It does not, for example, induce a reverent mood to read the word spelled "revenently" and often the charm of a really good bit of description is utterly spoiled, or one is thrown entirely off a train of sound and serious reasoning, merely by an overlooked error in spelling, punctuation, or grammar. It's a slight matter, perhaps, but it counts!

Musical and Theatrical Notes.

TREMONT THEATRE.—Henrietta Crosman in "The Sword of the King."

BOSTON THEATRE.—In Old Kentucky.

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